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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed further continuing appropriations and public debt limit increase.

House passed temporary public debt limit increase bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S16841–S16942

Measures Introduced: Two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1406 and 1497, and S. Res. 193 and 194.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 640, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–170)

S. 470, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the distribution to the public of violent video programming during hours when children are reasonably likely to comprise a substantial portion of the audience. (S. Rept. No. 104–171)

H.R. 660, to amend the Fair Housing Act to modify the exemption from certain familial status discrimination prohibitions granted to housing for older persons, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–172)

H.J. Res. 79, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

S.J. Res. 38, granting the consent of Congress to the Vermont-New Hampshire Interstate Public Water Supply Compact.

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Measures Passed:

Further Continuing Appropriations: By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 567), Senate passed H.J. Res. 115, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) Simpson Amendment No. 3048 (to Amendment No. 3045), of a perfecting nature.

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(2) By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 565), upon reconsideration, Craig Modified Amendment No. 3049 (to Amendment No. 3048), of a perfecting nature. (By 46 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 564), Senate earlier rejected the amendment.)

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(3) Hatfield Amendment No. 3051, to make technical corrections and to permit the District of Columbia government to repay certain Treasury loans.

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Rejected:

Daschle Amendment No. 3050, to strike section 401, providing for the determination of the Medicare part B premium for 1996. (By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 566), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

(1) Campbell Amendment No. 3045, to strike Title III, restricting the use of private funds for political advocacy activities by non-profit organizations.

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(2) Simpson Amendment No. 3046 (to Amendment No. 3045), in the nature of a substitute.

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(3) Craig Amendment No. 3047 (to Amendment No. 3046), of a perfecting nature.

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Debt Limit Extension Act: By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 569), Senate passed H.R. 2586, to provide for a temporary increase in the public debt limit, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S16892–93, S16911–13

Adopted:

Abraham Amendment No. 3052, to strike Title II, which eliminates the Department of Commerce.

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Rejected:

Moynihan Amendment No. 3053, in the nature of a substitute. (By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 568), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S16908–11**

Holocaust Memorial: Senate agreed to S. Res. 193, deploring individuals who deny the historical reality of the holocaust and commending the vital, ongoing work of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. **Page S16923**

Chattahoochee Compact: Senate passed S. 848, to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment of the Historic Chattahoochee Compact between the States of Alabama and Georgia. **Pages S16934–35**

United States/Korean Relations: Senate passed S.J. Res. 29, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to North-South dialogue on the Korean Peninsula and the United States-North Korea Agreed Framework. **Pages S16935–37**

Veterans' Compensation: Committee on Veterans Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2394, to increase, effective as of December 1, 1995, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S16937–39**

Lott (for Simpson) Amendment No. 3054, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S16927**

Senate Legal Representation: Senate passed S. Res. 194, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel. **Page S16939**

Middle East Peace Facilitation Act Authorities: Senate passed H.R. 2589, to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until December 31, 1995, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S16939**

Reconciliation-Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of a message from the House on H.R. 2491, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996, and certain motions to be made in relation thereto, on Monday, November 13, 1995. **Pages S16913–14**

Alaska Power Administration Sale Act/Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report on S. 395, to authorize and direct the Secretary of Energy to sell the Alaska Power Marketing Administration, and to authorize the export of Alaska North Slope crude oil. **Page S16935**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for fiscal year 1994; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–92). **Page S16919**

Transmitting the report of the Commodity Credit Corporation for fiscal year 1993; referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (PM–93). **Page S16919**

Transmitting the report of the National Corporation for Housing Partnerships and the National Housing Partnership for fiscal years 1993 and 1994; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–94). **Page S16919**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Yolanda Townsend Wheat, of Puerto Rico, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for the term of six years expiring August 2, 2001.

Robert S. Litt, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine list in the Public Health Service. **Page S16942**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Dan M. Berkovitz, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2000, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 1995. **Page S16942**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—569) **Pages S16885, S16891, S16892, S16911, S16913**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 10:15 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, November 13, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on pages S16939–40.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Jane Bobbitt, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Charles A. Hunnicutt, of Georgia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Aviation, Nancy Elizabeth McFadden, of California, to be General Counsel, and Gail Clements McDonald, of Maryland, to be Administrator, and George D. Milidrag, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Advisory Board, both of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, all of the Department of Transportation, Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration promotions list received in the Senate on October 13, 1995, and certain United States Coast Guard promotions lists;

S. 1396, to provide for the regulation of surface transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1239, to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to the regulation of interstate transportation by common carriers engaged in civil aviation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1164, to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 with respect to inventions made under cooperative research and development agreements, with an amendment; and

S. 776, to authorize funds for programs of the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation held hearings on S. 342, to establish the Cache La Poudre River National Water Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, S. 364 and H.R. 629, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the operation of certain visitor facilities associated with, but outside the boundaries of, Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado, S. 489, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an appropriate form of agreement with the Town of Grand Lake, Colorado, authorizing the town to maintain permanently a cemetery in the Rocky Mountain National Park, S. 608, to establish

the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and S. 231 and H.R. 562, bills to modify the boundaries of Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, after receiving testimony from Senators Kennedy and Kerry; Representatives Blute, Frank, Allard, and McInnis; Denis P. Galvin, Associate Director, Professional Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mark Reimers, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mayor Gene M. Stover, Grand Lake, Colorado; William S. Carle, H.W. Stewart, Inc., Estes Park, Colorado; Curt W. Buchholtz, Estes Park, Colorado, on behalf of the Rocky Mountain National Park Associates, Inc. and the Rocky Mountain Nature Association; Brian Werner, Loveland, Colorado, on behalf of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District and the Poudre River Trust; Anne B. Brengle, Old Dartmouth Historical Society Whaling Museum, New Bedford, Massachusetts; and Betsy McKellar, Friends of Walnut Canyon, Flagstaff, Arizona.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Phillip A. Singerman, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, and Rear Adm. John Carter Albright, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

FAMILY PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings on H.R. 1271, to protect the privacy of families by requiring parental consent for certain types of information asked of minors in Federally funded surveys and evaluations, receiving testimony from Senator Grassley; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Wade F. Horn, Gaithersburg, Maryland, on behalf of the National Fatherhood Initiative; Art Mathias, Christian Coalition of Alaska, Anchorage; Robert H. Knight, Family Research Council, and Felice J. Levine, American Sociological Association, on behalf of the Research and Privacy Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.; Lloyd D. Johnston, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Sue Rusche, National Families in Action, Atlanta, Georgia; and Matthew Hilton, Springville, Utah.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items: